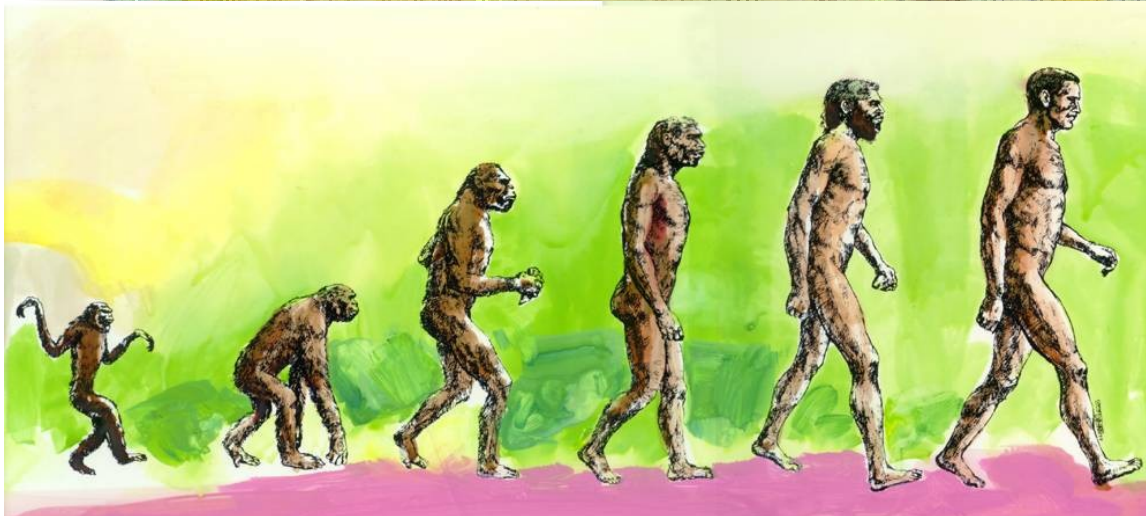


What Is The Impact of Evolution On Our Society?

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Ideas Have Consequences!



The Impact of Evolutionism

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Ideas Have Consequences



Quotes from Darwin

“To suppose that the eye ... could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.”

- *Charles Darwin, The Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection or the preservation of favored races in the struggle for life*

“A married man is a poor slave, worse than a Negro.”

- *Charles Darwin, The Autobiography of Charles Darwin*

“Whether requiring deep thought, reason, or imagination, or merely the use of the senses and hands ... the average power of man must be above that of women.”

- *Charles Darwin, Descent of Man*

Some Common Misconceptions

- Skeptics and unbelievers think:

Evolution is Science

“The Bible is an antiquated religious book, filled with scientific fallacies and mistakes reflecting the naïve cosmology of the primitive tribes of the Near East.”



- Even some professing Christians think:

Creation is Religion

“The Bible is a book of true religion dealing solely with spiritual subjects and that, where it seems to touch on matters of science and history, it must be interpreted spiritually or allegorically, rather than literally.”





Evolution vs. Creation

NOT

Science vs. Religion

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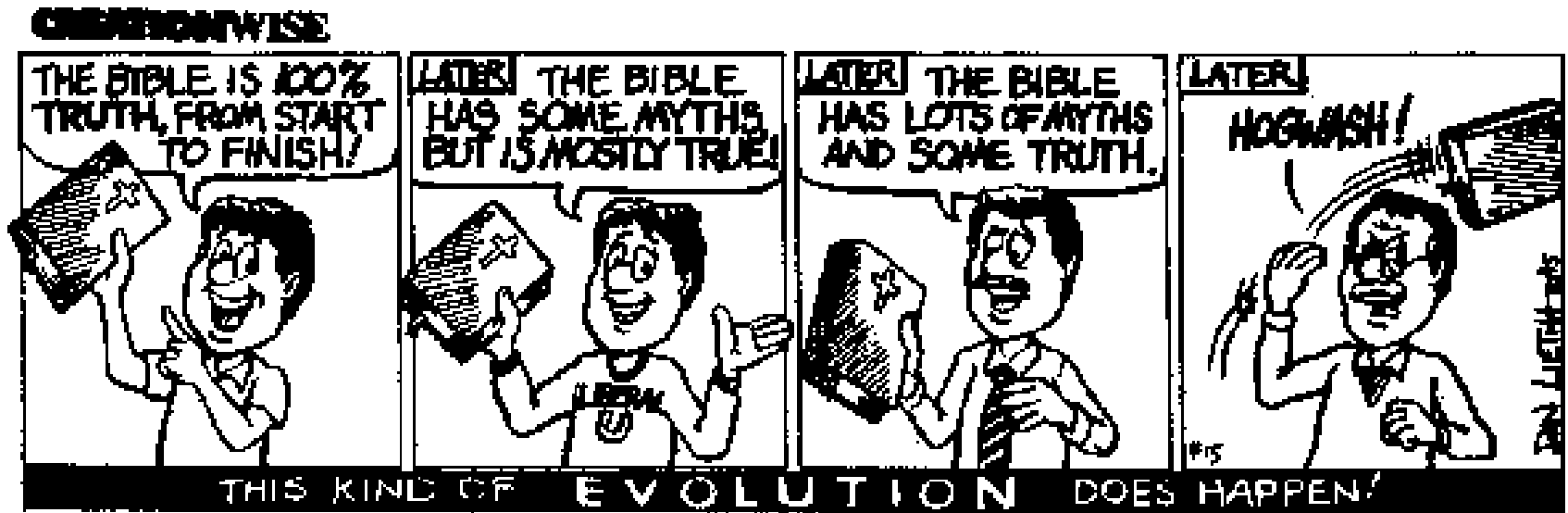
A War of Worldviews!



The Pervasive Influence

- “A person’s philosophy of origins will inevitably determine ... what he believes concerning his destiny, and even what he believes about the meaning and purpose of his life and actions right now ...” **Morris** (*Creationist*)
- “Evolution has an impact on every aspect of man’s thinking: his philosophy, his metaphysics, his ethics ...” **Ernst Mayr** (*Evolutionist*)
- “Evolutionary theory has been enshrined as the centerpiece of our educational system, and elaborate walls have been erected around it to protect it from unnecessary abuse.” **Jeremy Rifkin** (*Evolutionist*)

Evolution Is At The Foundation



"Evolution is at the foundation of communism, fascism, Freudianism, social darwinism, behaviorism, Kinseyism, materialism, atheism, and in the religious world, modernism and neo-orthodoxy"

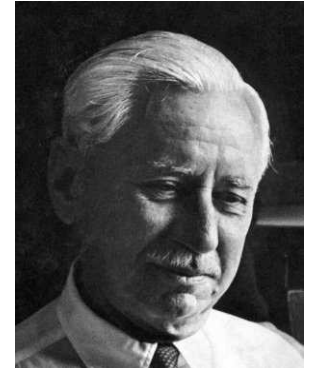
-Henry Morris 1963, *Genesis Flood* p. 24

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What Do Evolutionists Say?

Quote From Secular Historian

- Humanist philosopher and historian **Will Durant** admitted:
 - “By offering evolution in place of God as a cause of history, Darwin removed the theological basis of the moral code of Christendom. And the moral code that has no fear of God is very shaky. That’s the condition we are in. . . . I don’t think man is capable yet of managing social order and individual decency without fear of some supernatural being overlooking him and able to punish him.”





Quote From An Atheist

- **Richard Bozarth** in an article published in the *American Atheist* magazine states that:
 - “Christianity has fought, still fights, and will fight science to the desperate end over evolution, because evolution destroys utterly and finally the very reason Jesus’ earthly life was supposedly necessary. If Jesus was not the redeemer who died for our sins, and this is what evolution means, then Christianity is nothing. ... What all this means is that Christianity cannot lose the Genesis account of creation like it could lose the doctrine of geocentrism and get along. The battle must be waged, for Christianity is fighting for its very life.”
- Evolutionists themselves recognize the gravity of the battle between evolution and creation

Quote From Evolutionist

- Sir Julian Huxley, grandson of Thomas Huxley, addressed the 1959 Darwinian Centennial conference in Chicago with these words:
 - “Darwin pointed out that no supernatural designer was needed; since natural selection could account for any known form of life, there was no room for a supernatural agency in its evolution. . . . we can dismiss entirely all ideas of a supernatural overriding mind being responsible for the evolutionary process.”





Quote From Another Evolutionist

- Aldous Huxley, brother of Julian Huxley, wrote these words in “Confessions of a Professed Atheist”:
 - “I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning, consequently assumed it had none and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption. The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is not concerned exclusively with a problem in pure metaphysics. He's also concerned to prove that there's no valid reason why he should personally not do just what he wants to do. For myself, as no doubt for most of my contemporaries, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation. The liberation we desired was simultaneously a liberation from a certain political and economic system and a liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom.”

Quote from Dawkins

- Outspoken British evolutionary biologist
- **Richard Dawkins:** “It is absolutely safe to say that if you meet someone who claims not to believe in evolution, that person is ignorant, stupid or insane (or wicked, but I’d rather not consider that).”



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Key Influencers of Evolution



Modern Evolution Movement

- Key influencers:
 - Charles Darwin, Herbert Spencer, Sigmund Freud
 - Karl Marx, Adolf Hitler, Vladimir Lenin
 - Friedrich Nietzsche, Ernst Haeckel
 - John Dewey, Jean Paul Sartre
- The impact on our society is pervasive
 - Science, education, politics, religion, culture
- Secular humanism is a direct result of the philosophy of evolution
- We will look at some specific evils resulting from the philosophy of evolution

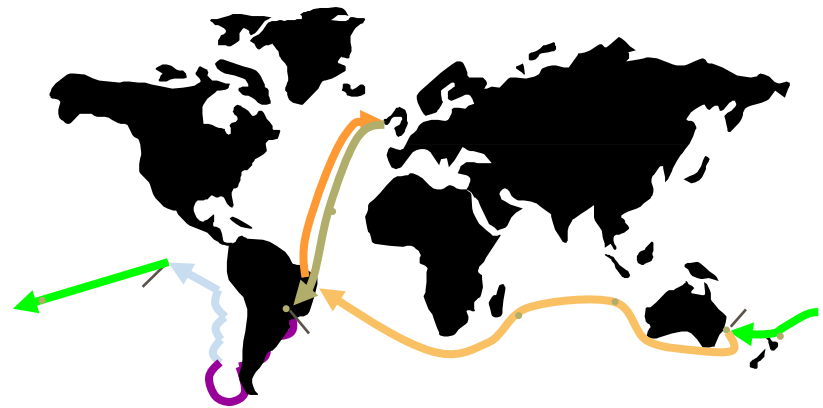


Who Was Charles Darwin?

- Born in 1809, one of 6 children
- His father was a Dr.
- His mother died when he was 5 years old
- His grandfather Erasmus was a scientist, who wrote on the topic of evolution
- Educated by Unitarian minister
- Obtained B.A. in Theology, his only advanced degree - how ironic!

Charles Darwin

- Darwin sailed off aboard HMS Beagle as chief naturalist to explore the world
- After 5 years at sea he became convinced of evolution
- Lead very reclusive and isolated existence after his trip
- Suffered physically for the rest of his life
- Bible-believing -> theistic evolution -> progressive creation -> evolution





Haeckel (Evolutionist) Quote

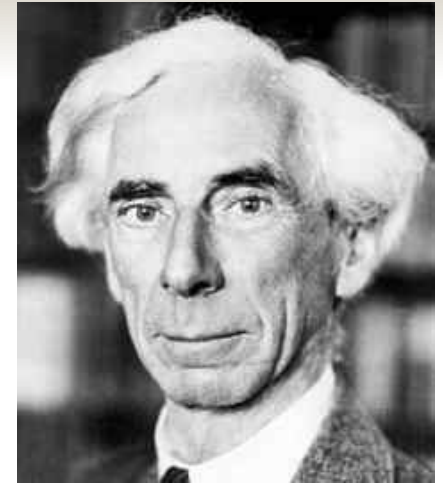
“Now, if instituting comparisons in both directions, we place the lowest and most ape-like men (the Austral Negroes, Bushmen, and Andamans, etc.), on the one hand, together with the most highly developed animals, for instance, with apes, dogs, and the elephants, and on the other hand, with the most highly developed men—Aristotle, Newton, Spinoza, Kant, Lamarck, or Goethe—we can then no longer consider the assertion, that the mental life of the higher mammals has gradually developed up to that of man, as in any way exaggerated.”

Ernst Haeckel, *The History of Creation*, pp. 364, 365.

Evolutionist Influencers

■ Bertrand Russell

- British mathematician
- Spent his whole life studying and writing about philosophy
- Even wrote a book on “Why I Am Not a Christian”
- Died in unyielding despair, and utter hopelessness



■ Voltaire

- French philosopher
- Predicted the end of belief in God in his lifetime
- Died in despair, without hope
- Fifty years after he died, the house in which he lived was used as a bookstore to sell and distribute Bibles





Evolutionist Influencers - 2

- **Steven Gould**

- Modern leading evolutionist [*now deceased*]
- Admits that we can't see evolution in progress
- Evolution is based on faith, not fact

- The philosopher **Janus Koestler** noted that:

- “The public continues to believe that Darwin provided all the relevant answers by the magic formula of random mutations plus natural selection - quite unaware of the fact that random mutations turned out to be irrelevant and natural selections a tautology.”

Frederich Nietzsche



- Considered to be the author of the “God is dead” movement
- German philosopher, 1844-1900
- Despised religion, Christianity in particular
 - “I call Christianity the one great curse, the one enormous and innermost perversion, the one great instinct of revenge, for which no means are too venomous, too underhand, too underground, and too petty.”
- Most imaginative and articulate modern spokesman for atheism



Frederich Nietzsche - 2

- Set the stage for mass murders in the 20th century
- Heavily influenced Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini, the three “devils” of the 20th century
- Hitler used Nietzsche’s philosophy as his motivation to obliterate the weak and inferior (helping evolution along)
- Hitler personally gave Mussolini a copy of Nietzsche’s work
- Influenced Sigmund Freud and Bernard Shaw
- Provided motivation for the “God is dead” movement



Frederich Nietzsche - 3

- Yet he was the son of a Lutheran pastor, grandson of Lutheran pastors on both sides
- Predicted that “God is dead” would result in:
 - 20th century would become the bloodiest century in history
 - Universal madness would break out
- Tens of millions were killed by Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, and others in the past century – 20th century has seen no end of meaningless bloodshed
- Nietzsche himself spent his last 11 years insane



Impact on the 20th Century

Nazism and Evolution

- **Hitler** believed in struggle as a Darwinian principle of human life
 - Struggle forced people to try to dominate others
 - This justified the extermination of the Jews
 - Used evolution to rationalize his hatred of the Jews
- “If nature does not wish that weaker individuals should mate with stronger, she wishes even less that a superior race (like the Germanic race) should intermingle with an inferior (like the Jewish race.) Why? Because, in such a case her efforts, throughout hundreds and thousands of years, to establish an evolutionary higher stage of being, may thus be rendered futile.” From *Mein Kampf*.





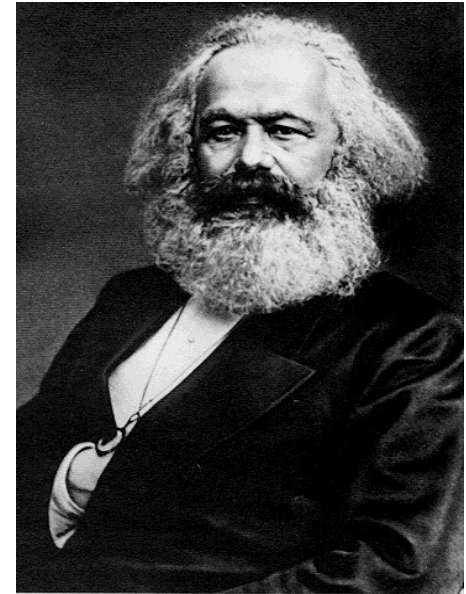
Nazism and Evolution - 2

- Hitler considered Germans a superior race
 - Intermarriage of Germans with Jews would jeopardize an evolutionary higher state for Germans
 - State had the responsibility of declaring unfit for reproduction, anyone who is ill or genetically unsound
 - Justified the massacre of millions of people
- “Hitler is an uncompromising evolutionist, and we must seek for an evolutionary explanation if we are to understand his actions.”

Sir Arthur Keith (an evolutionist)

Communism and Evolution

- **Marx**, father of theoretical communism stated that Darwin's theory has "support from natural science"
- Scientific basis of Marxism was evolutionism
- His theory was based on atheism
- Urged the complete destruction of religion, especially Christianity
- Men, being mere animals, were expendable



Communism and Evolution

- **Mao Tse-Tung** regarded Darwin as the foundation of Chinese scientific socialism
- Darwin give respectability to naturalism and atheism
- Communists believed in evolution through revolution
- Stalin's Russian purge killed millions
- Mao Tse Tung killed 30M+ in the cultural revolution of the 1960's
- The Khmer Rouge killed 2M in 1979-80





The Romanian Experience

- Creation message now being sent to Romania (*by Creation Moments*), a country where:
 - Children are dying of AIDS and malnutrition
 - Children being abandoned by parents
- Children are reminder of godless communist dictatorship
 - Fewer than 1000 communists in Romania in 1944 when Stalin overran the country
 - Ceausescu had waged an all-out war against Christians
- Communist rulers are now gone
 - But the scars remain and **the effects of the godless propaganda are still evident**



Influence of Secular Humanism

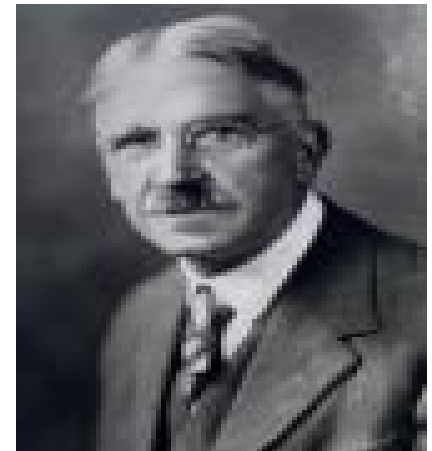


Secular Humanism

- Humanism is any view that recognizes the value and dignity of the individual and seeks to better the human condition [*a noble goal*]
- Secular humanism views mankind as an integral part of nature and thus denies the human soul
 - Limits values to what has value for man
 - Ethics and morals become situational
 - Denies the existence of God
- The ultimate humanist objective is socialist world government, with the humanist elite in control
- The UN agency, UNESCO, is particularly influential in this movement

Influence of Humanism in Schools

- **UNESCO document:** “The school should therefore use the means described earlier to combat family attitudes.”
- **Horace Mann**, an early US educator, proposed the removal of the Bible from the schools to “increase genuine educational progress”
- **John Dewey** (1859-1952) reformed the American school system to conform to humanist ideals
 - The Bible was banished and so was prayer
 - Signed first Humanist Manifesto in 1933
 - Received socialist honors for aiding Trotsky at his Moscow trial
 - Introduced Darwin’s theory into the American school system





Influence of Secular Humanism

“Education is thus a most powerful ally of humanism. What can the theistic Sunday schools, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching?”

Charles Francis Potter, *Humanism, A New Religion*, 1933.

“There is no God and no soul. Hence there are no needs for the props of traditional religion. With dogma and creed excluded, the immutable truth is also dead and buried. There is no room for fixed, natural law or permanent moral absolutes.”

John Dewey, *Humanist Manifesto*, 1933.



Influence of Secular Humanism - 2

- The Scopes “monkey” trial in 1926 was a watershed event in education
 - Evolutionary interpretation of natural science is taught in schools, to the exclusion of any other interpretation today
- **Chawla**, 1964, a humanist wrote:
 - “Darwin’s discovery of the principle of evolution sounded the death knell of religious and moral values. It removed the ground from under the feet of traditional religion.”



Influence of Secular Humanism - 3

- Secular humanist values taught in our public schools
- Totally incompatible with creation and Christianity
 - **Eph. 6:12** “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”
- A belief system that man is the culmination of billions of years of upward progress, his well-being and continued improvement being our greatest concern
- Dominates our media and schools
- Most people are unaware of its roots, its definition, and its implications
- The U.S Supreme Court has even declared that Secular Humanism is a religion!

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Influence of Evolution on the Sciences



The Influence of Evolution

- Far beyond being used as an explanation of the origin of the species
- Many regarded the outcome of the Scopes trial in 1926 of little importance at the time, including Bible-believing Christians
 - Left to the professionals, the geologists, etc.
 - Gospel did not seem to depend on any cosmological model



The Influence of Evolution - 2

- One's view of evolution **DOES** matter, as evidenced by the last 150 years
- Evolution is **more** than a biological or geological hypothesis
 - **Evolution is a world view!**
- A person's philosophy of origins will inevitably determine:
 - His beliefs concerning his destiny
 - His beliefs concerning the meaning and purpose of his life
 - His actions in the present world

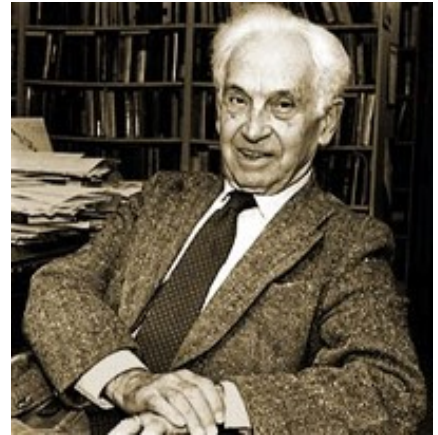


The Influence of Evolution - 3

- Evolution is imposed on every area of our lives
 - Church, theistic evolution, culture
 - Morally, socially, mentally
- Evolution provides an “apparent” way for a man to escape his responsibility to God
 - No judge before whom we must all appear
 - Man is responsible only to himself
 - Whatever helps evolution helps society

Evolution's Influence on Science

- **Professor Mayr**, the Harvard biologist, stated that:
 - “Today, of course, there is no such thing as the theory of evolution; it is the **fact** of evolution. ... The only arguments now are over technical problems, but the basic fact of evolution is so clearly established that no scientist worries about it any more.”
- Evolution is pervasive in every area of science:
 - Biology, physical, earth, social





Evolution and Science

■ **Biological sciences:**

- Text books portrays life evolving from non-life at every grade level
- Yet Pasteur proved that life does **NOT** come from non-life

■ **Physical sciences:**

- Science says that every effect must have an adequate cause
- Yet the “big bang” had **NO** cause

■ **Earth sciences:**

- Geological column
- Paleontology (study of fossils)

From a Geology Book (London)

“Condensation of part of the vast cloud of cold dust and gas that gave rise to the Solar System initially formed a molten Earth surrounded by a thick and dense atmosphere of cosmic gases ... made up largely of carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide ... As the globe slowly cooled, crystallisation of minerals ... began to make a crust ... to build a new atmosphere ... water vapour condensed and fell as rain ... the first oceans collected in low-lying areas ...”



44 Semi-molten surface of the Earth 4500 million years ago



45 Solid crust with meteorite craters 4000 million years ago



46 An early ocean 3800 million years ago



Evolution and Science

- Biology
 - Life processes, anthropology
- Physical sciences
 - Physics, astrophysics, astronomy
- Earth sciences
 - Geology, paleontology
- Social sciences
 - Philosophy, psychology, sociology
- Ethics and Religion



Influence of Evolution on Society



Evolution and Social Sciences

- Quoted from a weekly in higher education:
 - “The social and conceptual revolution that we are now witnessing ... can be traced back to Darwin.”
- **Sigmund Freud**, the psychologist, banished God from the soul, like Darwin banished God from life
- Evolution is taught as “fact” in all public schools at all grade levels
 - This should be of great concern to all Christian parents and pastors



Evolution and Social Sciences - 2

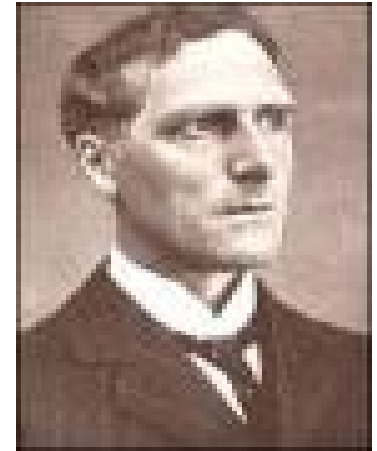
- We have **John Dewey** (of Dewey Decimal fame) to thank for this
- Historians such as **Toynbee** were dedicated evolutionists
- Philosophies of **Karl Marx** and **Friedrich Nietzsche** were heavily influenced by evolution
- **John Dewey's** philosophy was built on Darwinism and pantheistic humanism



Ethics and Religion

- Rejection of the Bible and other religious authority removes all divine constraints toward honesty, purity, charity, etc.
- Evolution becomes the basis for the new “scientific ethics”
- Almost all “religions” have accommodated evolution in one form or another

Ethics and Religion - 2



■ Sir Arthur Keith:

- Scottish anthropologist, 1866-1955
- Author of “Evolution and Ethics” and “A New Theory of Human Evolution”

“... the conclusion that I have come to is this: the law of Christ is incompatible with the law of evolution - as far as the law of evolution has worked hitherto. Nay, the two laws are at war with each other; the law of Christ can never prevail until the law of evolution is destroyed.”



Some Results of Evolutionary Thinking



Some Results of Evolutionary Thought

- “Recapitulation Theory” - growth of the fetus rapidly repeats evolutionary history
- Freudian psychoanalysis - presumes animal ancestry of man
- Social Darwinism - survival of the fittest applied to economic and social structures
- Racism, Nazism and the Master Race
 - Subtitle on ‘Origin of Species’ book: “The Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life”



Implications of Evolutionary Thought

- Cheapening of human life
 - Abortion, Euthanasia
- Unwarranted elevation of animal life
 - Animals should have human rights
- Overly zealous ecology movement
- Relativistic thinking
- Movement away from law based on Biblical concepts to popular will
- “Change” is the norm

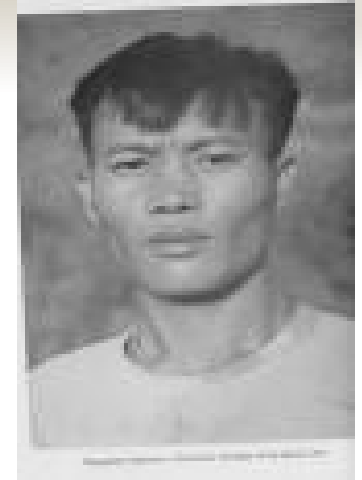
Abortion and Evolution

- Embryo in womb goes through “stages of evolution” – called “**embryonic recapitulation**” by **Ernst Haeckel**,
- Women undergoing abortion are told that the embryo is only in the early stages of evolution (fish or animal)
- Late term abortions -> Infanticide -> euthanasia?



Racism and Evolution

- Based on **Recapitulation** theory
- “Mongoloid” became synonymous with mentally defective people
- “Mentally defective” was a throwback to earlier stage in evolution
- “Negroid stock is even more ancient than the Caucasian and Mongolian”, **Henry Osborne**, Natural History, April 1980.
- Justified treatment of slaves in this country, aborigines in Australia
- Even Darwin’s book “Origin of Species Through Natural Selection” had a subtitle “The Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life”





Business Ethics and Evolution

- Evolution applied to the business world
- Implies survival of the fittest, elimination of the weak
- “There may be no sound ethical anchorage in the ocean of moral relativism, but this is a way of navigating it.” **John Dobson**, Jan. '97 issue of CFO magazine
 - Ethics consulting is now a \$100M business
 - Ethics programs are merely designed to avoid lawsuits
 - Virtue is not a maximum or minimum, but a balance between extremes



Is the Truth Important?

- “Science” has now been defined to allow only naturalistic explanations
- Therefore, scientific areas that touch upon origins can only have naturalistic theories
- However, we know from the Bible that “what is true” spans both the natural AND the super-natural
- Evolutionist: “Creation may in fact be true, but we cannot call it science or teach it!”



Issues Facing Evolution Today

- Increasing internal criticism of neo-Darwinism as viable explanation (Denton)
- Reliance on the courts to keep Creationism out of public schools
- A significant percentage of Americans still believe in creation!
- Science is losing its glamour in society
- Increasing relativism - science could become just one more way of understanding reality



Creationism Movement



Cutting Edge Creationism

- Model building - flood explanation for geologic column and plate tectonics
- (Old earth) Intelligent design (Johnson, Behe, Ross)
- Cosmogony development - formation of the universe (Humphreys)
- Reconciling radiometric dating with young earth
- Definition of Baramin - the created kinds
- Realistic definition of Noah's Ark
- Answers in Genesis – Creation Museum in 2007



Issues Facing Creationism Today

- Courts have ruled that the teaching of Creationism is not science - cases lost in 1968, 1982, 1987
- Serious division between young and old earth creationists
 - Battle against naturalism is more important
- Shortage of formal creation-oriented curriculum materials, especially for biology and geology
- Lack of funding for creation research
 - ICR Graduate School
 - Creation Research Society Laboratory



Conclusions



Conclusions

- The dominance of evolutionary thinking can only be the result of Satanic influence
- The creation/evolution battle is ultimately between good and evil, God and Satan, disguised as a question of science
- But the creation clearly shows there must be a Creator, and so men are without excuse
 - **Romans 1:18-21**
- Teaching Biblical creationism provides a strong foundation for leading people to Christ
- Ideas DO have consequences!



Spiritual Warfare: A War of Worldviews

- **Eph. 6:12**, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual [hosts] of wickedness in the heavenly [places].”
- **2 Pet. 1:16**, “For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.
- **Rev. 12:9**, “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.



Creation Truth

- Biblical truths
 - Founded in Genesis
- Creation education
 - Taught in love
- Well-educated teachers
 - Teach the next generation

What role will you play?



Thank You!

II Tim. 2:2, “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

Thank you!

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